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SUBJECT: Recruiting Visiting Professors to Work With
Socially Disadvantaged Applicants/Borrowers

TO: Selected State Directors, FmHA*

PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME: This Administrative Notice (AN) is issued to encourage selected State Directors to give priority consideration to the recruitment of Visiting Professors. The professors will provide individualized supervisory assistance to socially disadvantaged applicants (SDA) and borrowers who qualify for credit assistance under provisions of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987.

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS AN: This issuance compares substantially with FmHA AN No. 1915 (1943) dated May 1, 1989, which expired on March 31, 1990.

IMPLEMENTATION: The Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 and FmHA Instruction 1943-A, require that farm ownership loans and inventory farms be targeted for farm applicants and borrowers who meet the definition of socially disadvantaged as described in FmHA Instruction 1943-A. The instruction permits the Agency to take those steps necessary to help SDA applicants and borrowers to become viable farm operators. Effective immediately, you should designate a person on your Farmer Programs Staff, if not already assigned, to serve as Coordinator for recruiting a Visiting Professor from an 1890 Land Grant Institution. The Visiting Professor Coordinator should assist in developing a work plan to achieve maximum benefits from the services of the professor working with SDA applicants/borrowers in your State.

Successful recruitment of Visiting Professors can be enhanced by recognition of their unique characteristics. They are generally employed at their respective institutions

EXPIRATION DATE: June 30, 1991

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:
Preceding FMHA
Instruction 1943-A

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on a full time basis during the regular academic year and are normally only available to participate in the Visiting Professor Program during June, July, and August. While serving as a Visiting Professor, they will be employed on a "when actually employed" basis.

Currently, there are only three Visiting Professors employed from a total of 17 1890 Land Grant Institutions. Considering the status of many SDA farm borrowers, it appears that more Visiting Professors are needed to help them improve on their farming operations and thus meet the objectives of this Agency. Consideration should be given to recruiting Visiting Professors from those 1890 Land Grant Institutions that are not participating in the program.

Information concerning the Visiting Professor Program is reported annually to the Department. Therefore, you are requested to inform the Equal Opportunity Staff (EOS) on or before June 29 annually of the name, academic title, and salary of your Visiting Professor. Mr. Walter Fredericks, Special Assistant, Civil Rights, is the Agency Coordinator for the program. He can be reached at FTS 447-3098.

Questions concerning the Visiting Professor's role in providing "hands on" assistance to SDA applicants/borrowers should be directed to Mr. Wilbert Campbell or Mr. Clyde Beall, of the Farmer Programs staff at FTS 382-1635.


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